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Testimony in Support of Bill 13

Aloha Chair, Vice chair and Council members:

My name is Dennis Freitas and I am in support of Bill 13.

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That in its self should suffice, but I'm afraid I'm going to put you through my tirade regarding my support of Bill 13 in the Kalihi/Iwilei areas.

Those that have come out or submitted written testimony in support of this Bill as well as those of you on the Council realize that Bill 13 is not the solution to the homeless situation that plagues our City. That is not its intent.

I realize there are a few of you that oppose this Bill and a few that are torn, but reluctantly see it as the only solution to an going problem that plagues our City. To be clear, the intent of Bill 13 is not to move the homeless from one area to another but to prevent the homeless from congregating and setting up permanent encampments on public sidewalks, roadways, and public areas. Hopefully the homeless will see the futility of it all and seek suitable shelter provided by the City, State and the private sector rather than moving to yet another area.

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We realize not all homeless people have a choice. For the few that seek change we owe them every opportunity to a better lifestyle.

However, the facts indicate the majority of the homeless do not want our help. They are content with their lifestyle. They are willing to put up with the weekly sweeps conducted by the City that require them to break camp while the City cleans up after them. And within minutes they return and the cycle renews. Our safety, health, and freedom and enjoyment to use the sidewalks, roads and public parks freely is in jeopardy.

Members of the Council, thanks to the ACLU and other organizations like them we have "decriminalized the criminals". The ACLU says it violates their "rights". It appears these organizations and the homeless have no regard for our rights? Until a permanent solution is found it is our rights, those that live, work and visit the Kalihi/Iwilei areas, that are violated.

Council members, it is imperative that Bill13 passes its final reading and becomes law immediately. Untie the hands of our law enforcement officials so Bill 13 can be enforced to its fullest. Our safety, health, peace of mind and livelihood are in your hands.

Mahalo!

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